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# Regional Security

States within defined geographic areas often enter into regional arrangements to promote common interests, and security is perhaps one of the most important of those interests. Such arrangements, bilateral or multilateral in nature, are cooperative efforts to provide for collective self-defense, the peaceful resolution of disputes, and the enforcement of measures for regional stability. Some regional security arrangements are established and formalized by treaty, convention, or protocol and have their basis in international law. Others are less formally structured. Most promote confidence building measures such as requiring transparency in arms production and stockpiling, controlling arms flows into their areas, and calling for the announcement of military exercises. A few have mechanisms to help diffuse or resolve disputes, provide for monitors, peacekeepers, assistance groups, conflict resolution conferences, and — as a last resort — ad hoc military commands to suppress fighting.

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          South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
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          Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
                     <a href="http://www.cisstat.com/eng/cis.htm">http://www.cisstat.com/eng/cis.htm</a>
          European Union (EU)
                     <a href="http://europa.eu.int">http://europa.eu.int</a>
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                              <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/external">http://europa.eu.int/comm/external</a> relations/cfsp/intro/index.htm>
                              Institute for Security Studies: European Union
                              <a href="http://www.iss-eu.org">http://www.iss-eu.org</a>
                              ISIS Europe (International Security Information Service, Europe)
                              <a href="http://www.isis-europe.org">http://www.isis-europe.org</a>
          North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
                     <a href="http://www.nato.int">http://www.nato.int</a>
          Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
                     <a href="http://www.osce.org">http://www.osce.org</a>
          Western European Union (WEU)
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Africa Center for Strategic Studies <a href="http://www.africacenter.org">http://www.africacenter.org</a>

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Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies <a href="http://www.ndu.edu/chds">http://www.ndu.edu/chds</a>

### Asia

Asia-Pacific Center for Strategic Studies <a href="http://www.apcss.org">http://www.apcss.org</a>

European Institute for Asian Studies <a href="http://www.eias.org">http://www.eias.org</a>

## Europe

Center for Contemporary Conflict: Regional Security Education Program <a href="http://www.ccc.nps.navy.mil/rsepProgram">http://www.ccc.nps.navy.mil/rsepProgram</a>

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies <a href="http://www.marshallcenter.org">http://www.marshallcenter.org</a>

Russian Security Project <a href="http://www.isn.ethz.ch/russia">http://www.isn.ethz.ch/russia</a>

## **Middle East**

Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies <a href="http://www.tau.ac.il/jcss">http://www.tau.ac.il/jcss</a>

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